

REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending parent Application No. 08/813,288, filed on March 10, 1997. Claims 20-26 are presented for examination, of which Claims 20, 25, and 26 are in independent form, and have been newly added; Claims 1-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 20-26 correspond to Claims 20-24, 33, and 35 that were presented in the parent application.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue of the present divisional application are respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form, as well as to the copending U.S. applications listed below.

The information listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and the below-listed applications were cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 08/813,288, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.) Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that the information listed on the form PTO-1449 has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the enclosed PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of same to Applicants' attorneys of record.

As mentioned, the Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications, copies of which were submitted during prosecution of parent Application No. 08/813,288:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/635,518	April 22, 1996	2622
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CONCLUSION

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